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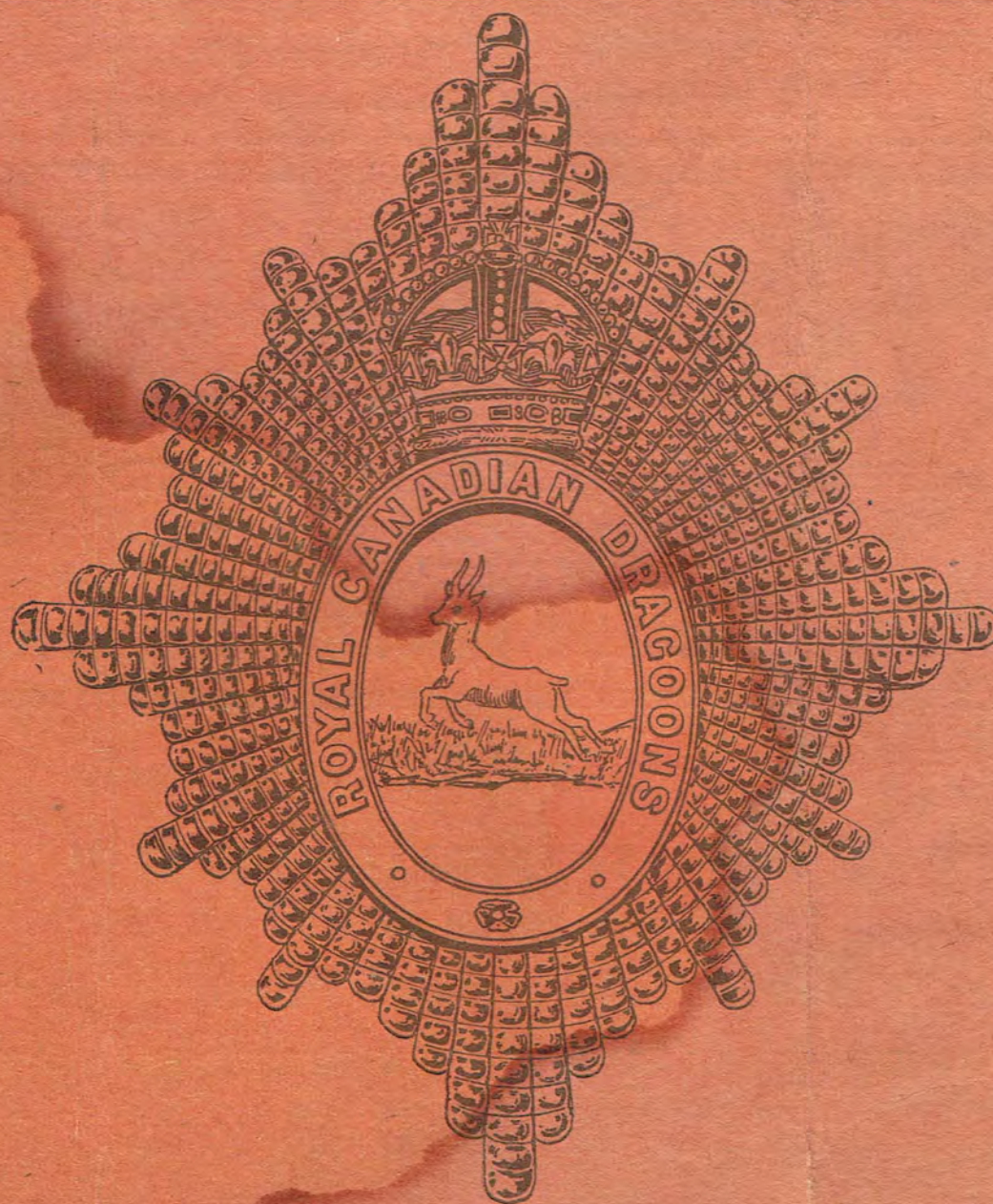
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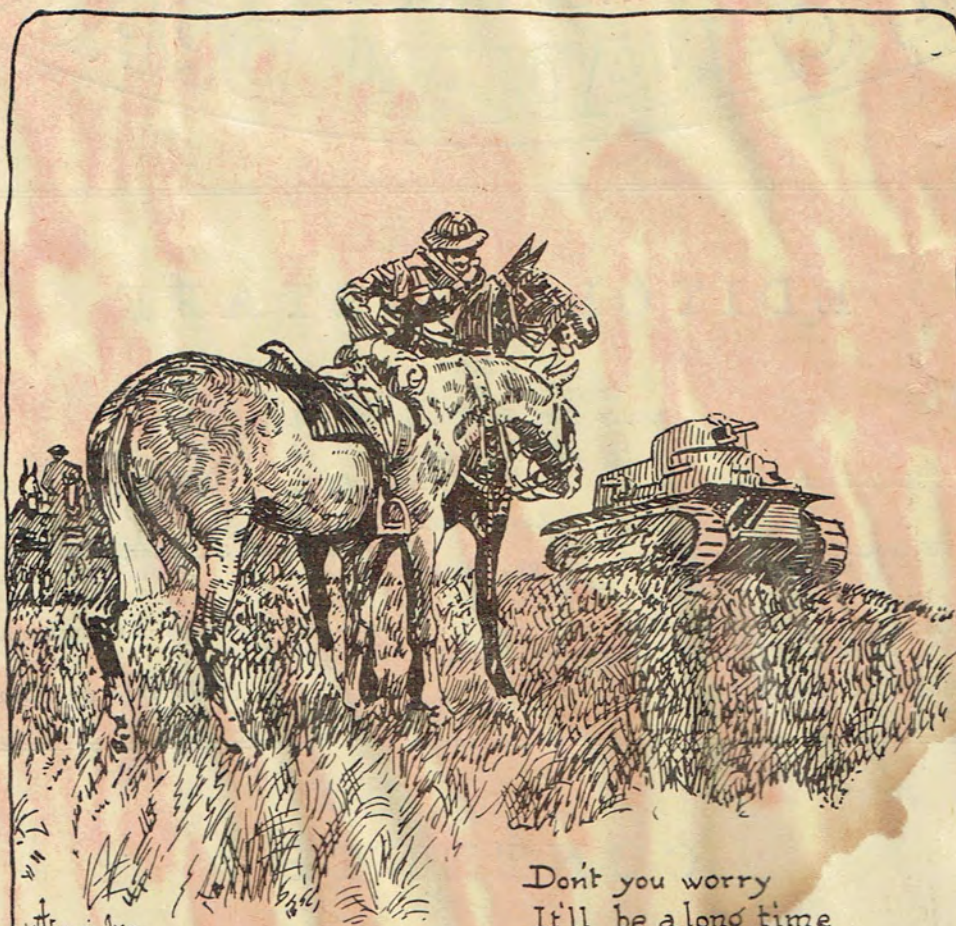
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Editorial.

The 9th Anniversary of the great German offensive of March 1918 approaches and it is fitting that in this issue we should pay tribute to the wonderful morale—fighting—spirit—super-courage and tenacity of all ranks of the British Forces in their heroic stand against the vastly superior numbers that Germany hurled against them in what is described as "Germany's Greatest Battle" (Sir Douglas Haig, 1915-18) namely the attack against the 3rd and 5th British Armies, between the rivers Scheldt and Oise.

The British Forces, prior to this period, were sadly reduced in numbers, owing to the heavy fighting the previous year. Lacking adequate reserves they were called upon to take over a further portion of the French line (28 miles) making a total of 125 miles and immediately after to bear the brunt of this furious German onslaught.

So much has been written about this critical period of the war that it is unnecessary for this publication to attempt to detail the events of the battle.

It is sufficient to mention, however, that 29 Infantry Divisions and 3 Cavalry Divisions opposed the onrush of 64 German Divisions giving way for a time (under the overwhelming weight of the first attacks) but later straightening out, holding on and finally preventing the enemy from realizing his great objective—The Division of the French and British Armies.

No better words can describe the wonderful fighting qualities and valour of the men of the British Army—no better tribute could be paid them—than the following taken from the book "Sir Douglas Haig's Command 1915-1918."

"Like a mighty tree with its roots fast anchored to the great bastion of the Vimy Ridge, the British Army bowed to the fierce hurricane that swept upon it on March 21st. Its branches were whirled back Westwards, whipping and bending in the gale, but the trunk stood unbreakable and the grip of its roots could not be loosed."

The c-in-c Sir Douglas Haig, a cavalryman himself, had always realized the necessity of an adequate force of cavalry to exploit successes. Time and again he had brought to the notice of

the War Council, the need of such a force, but his sound advice was not heeded. Instead, his cavalry force was still further depleted by the dispatch of the two Indian Cavalry Divisions to another theatre of war.

How the Cavalry assisted during the terrific struggle from March 21st. onwards is best told in the extracts as taken from the same book.

"The mounted troops were reduced on the Western Front—Feb. 1918. What the remnant of them did to hold back the enemy in March 1918 is well known More power on the mobile side, would have economized time in the advance to victory—it would have economized lives."

In this issue an article will be found giving the work carried out by the Regiment during this most trying period. The Regiment at the time formed part of the Canadian Cavalry Brigade, with the 3rd Cavalry Division.

In paying tribute to the splendid spirit of the manhood of the Empire, who made possible and ensured such magnificent defence,—let us not forget those who paid the Supreme Sacrifice.

With this number we enter into our fifth year as a Monthly Chronicle. There is no longer any doubt in our minds regarding the success we have made of our Regimental Publication. As the official mouth-piece of the Royal Canadian Dragoons we feel that we have justified our existence.

All is not plain sailing, however. We all must WORK keeping our shoulder to the wheel—and endeavouring to AT LEAST maintain our present standard.

We want every member and ex-member to realize that this publication is THEIR OWN. We want EVERY member and ex-member to feel that they are personally accountable for the success or failure of "THE GOAT". Remember it will never be any better than what YOU make it.

We want to make every issue in the coming year better than the last. We are starting off with an ALIBI Contest in this number and we want to make it a success. If this sort of thing interests you TELL US ABOUT IT. We want to please YOU. Send us in some of your suggestions whereby we can make our paper more interesting.

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Personal & Regimental

Major R. S. Timmis, D.S.O. has been called to Toronto.

Captain N. M. Halkett, M.C., R.C.A.M.C. from Camp Borden, was a guest for luncheon at Stanley Barracks on March 10th.

We are pleased to report that Mrs. H. Stethem, who underwent an operation in a hospital several weeks ago, has returned to her quarters in Barracks and is well on the road to a complete recovery.

Tpr. Hare, "B" Sqn. R.C.D. has been transferred to the R.C.A.V.C. Though we are sorry to lose him, we are pleased to learn that he is still to be stationed at Stanley Barracks.

Captain S. C. Bate R.C.D. who underwent a very serious operation in Ottawa, last January visited Barracks last week. We are all pleased to see him on his feet again.

We regret to report that our Honorary Colonel, Major General, F. L. Lessard, C.B., C.M.G. had to undergo a serious operation in the Toronto General Hospital. All past and present members of the Service as a whole, join us in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Cpl. Hyder we are sorry to report is a patient at the city Isolation Hospital suffering with an attack of scarlet fever. We regret there is no news from "Absit India" this month.

Our congratulations to Sgts. King and Manning upon their appointments to the Instructional Cadre.

Captain Bate has sailed for Europe where he will spend six months

sick leave in England and the South of France.

Captain W. J. Home, M.C., the R.C.R. and Captain M. Drury, R.C.D., who accompanied the hockey team to London, Ont., were guests for luncheon of Brig. General and Mrs. C. J. Armstrong, and for afternoon tea with Lt. Col. and Mrs. Seely Smith.

Captain W. J. Home, M.C. the R.C.R., has been granted two months' leave and has sailed for Europe with his family. Whilst in London Ont. the other day the following conversation was overheard:—"Ester"—"And what will Billy do when he gets to England?" Marg—Haven't you ever met Billy?"

A very nice The Dansant was given by Capt. and Mrs. Berteau in the Officers' Mess on Thursday afternoon, March 10th, as a farewell to Major Timmis on his return to Toronto from this Station. Mrs. Berteau poured tea, after which dancing was held in the Mess Room. The following guests were present:

Major Timmis, Major and Mrs. Williams, Capt. and Mrs. Hammond, Capt. and Mrs. Balders, Mr. Chadwick, Major Sawers, Misses Duval, Mrs. Colin Cameron, Rev. and Mrs. Coulthurst, Capt. Nicholls, Mr. V. Cleary, Major Knowlton, Capt. O'Connor, Capt. R. G. Johnston, Capt. E. H. Barber, Capt. M. Copeland, Capt. R. Todd, Capt. Perrigard, Lieut. Schaffner, Lieut. Beauchamps, Lieut. Newroth, Lieut. McLean, Lieut. Morris, Lieut. Hyndman, Lieut. McGowan, Lieut. Johnston, Lieut. Grothe, Lieut. Ings.

Major-General J. H. MacBrien, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., paid an official visit by aeroplane to the Cavalry Barracks, St. Johns, P.Q., on March 6th. On the morning of



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March 7th he inspected the Squadron and attached personnel, returning to Fletcher's Field, Montreal, in the afternoon. The Chief of Staff was accompanied by Flight Lieut. Grandy, R.C.A.F.

In our January number we showed Tpr. J. Brennan as a member of the Hotchkiss Gun Team for 1926 instead of Tpr. H Gravel. Please accept our apologies, Harry.

Congratulations to Cpl. Bentley D.C.M. and Cpl. Lacerte on their promotion to Sergeant. Also to Tprs. Mundell and Ross on being appointed L/Cpls.

Major F. Sawers, M.C. has returned from Brantford, Ontario where he was conducting a Provisional School of Cavalry, assisted by Q.M.S.I. P. Walshe.

Capt. D. A. Grant, M.C., has returned from Aldershot, England where he was attached to "The Royals" and we are glad to welcome him back.

We are pleased to see "Tommy" Howe, back on the job again, and are glad to see him looking so well.

The following officers are at present taking the Field Officers' Course at the Royal School of Cavalry, St. Johns, P.Q.

Capt. R. G. Johnston, N. B. Dragoons.

Capt. E. H. J. Barber N. B. Dragoons.

Capt. W. D. O'Connor, Corps of Guides.

Capt. M. Copeland, 17th. Hsrs.
Capt. R. H. Todd, 17th Hsrs.

A Thé Dansant was given in the Officers' Mess by Major Timmis on Thursday Feb. 10th, about twenty-four guests being present, including Major Irwin and Mrs. Gordon from Montreal. Mrs. Balders poured tea after which a tasty rum punch was served.

On Wednesday, February 9th. at 7.30 a very impressive Induction Service was held by His Lordship, Bishop Farthing of Montreal. A large congregation attended, including some of the members of the Presbyterian Church.

Before coming here our new Rector and Chaplain, Capt. Percival Coulthurst was week-end chaplain to the forces at Camp Borden for two years and greatly respected by all who knew him. We heartily welcome him to this station and we feel sure that the more we see of him the more we shall like him. We hope to see him amongst us often in our games, concerts and

Old Comrades Association Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the Old Comrades Association took place on the 26th, of February. It was not realized at the time that the meeting was arranged that this would be Paardebourg Night and as a consequence several members were otherwise engaged. In addition to this the weather was very unpleasant and as a result the attendance was not quite as large as had been expected. Notwithstanding, a fair number attended and we were pleased to see quite a number of the Officers of the Regiment, both past and serving.

In the absence of the President, Lt. Colonel Walker Bell, D.S.O., who was attempting to get suitable horses to replace those lost in the recent fire at Stanley Barracks Major Steer, Vice President of the Organization acted as Chairman.

Several Old Comrades sent messages of regret at their inability to be present.

The main business of the evening was the receiving of the Annual Statement and the election of officers for the current year. In addition to this printed copies of the Constitution were given to all present and the Constitution finally ratified, with the following amendments. On motion it was decided that changes to the Constitution could only be made after a notice of motion was made at a General Meeting of the Association, the voting to take place at a subsequent General Meeting to be held thirty days after the notice of motion and that a two-thirds vote would be necessary to make any change effective. The question of the necessary regulations with regard to the formation of branches was also taken up and the incoming executive instructed to formulate such rules as were considered necessary and to submit them at a future meeting.

In accordance with the Constitution two members of the Executive were to be re-elected for a further term of one year. Those

in the mess

Mrs Coulthurst comes from the Maritimes and, strangely enough was brought up on Cape Breton Island, so knows a great deal of the places that we have on three occasions visited under unpleasant circumstances. We feel that already there is a friendship between us and both the Rector and his wife.

elected were Major Hethrington and Mr. Dunbar. The new members chosen by the meeting from the list prepared by the nominating Committee were R.Q.M.S. MacLean and Mr. Sutherland. Mr. Ackerman, W.O. was elected Secretary.

The General Statement of the affairs of the Association was very satisfactory and an adequate balance carried forward to this year. Owing to the fact that our new Secretary has been unable, as yet to take over the statement is not available for publication in this issue but we hope to publish it later.

It was with feelings of great regret that the Meeting learned of the very serious illness of General Lessard and a resolution of sympathy and hope for his recovery was unanimously adopted.

It was decided to hold a supper and smoker at an early date, the 26th of this month if we are not mistaken. A Committee was elected to arrange the matter. The Committee consists of the following:—Captain Wilkes, Messrs. Arnoldi, Cochrane and Wood and R.S.M. Churchward.

An atmosphere of general good fellowship and comradeship prevailed throughout the meeting. Among those present were noticed "Tank" Thompson, who hoped that each member would be provided with a full barrel. Mr. Harman of South African fame, and Ex. Trumpeter Nelson who volunteers to sound "cook house" at the supper.

OLD COMRADES NOTES

South Africa Association Dinner.

The South African Association held their Annual Dinner on Monday evening, March 1st, in the Q.O.R. Sergeants Mess, 48 University Avenue, Toronto. A very good number of S.A. Veterans attended and an enjoyable evening was spent by all renewing old friendships. A musical programme was given which was very much appreciated. The R.C.D. were represented by past and present members of the Regiment the following being present:—

Major E. A. Steer, M.C.
Major J. Widgery,
Mr. T. Leblond,
Mr. A. A. (Silver) White,
Mr. R. Spicer,
Mr. J. Whitehead,
S.M., F. Ackerman.

Mr. A. A. (Silver) White, who served with the Regiment from June 1890 to April 1893, in Quebec, is now residing at 8 Chaplin

Avenue, St. Catharines, Ont. He was in Toronto on March 1st. for the South African Association Dinner and has joined the R.C.D. Old Comrades Association. He has also been supplied with a copy of the Goat.

(The following notes were received too late for the February number)

OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION NOTES

The Annual meeting of the Association will take place on the 26th. of February.

It is hoped that as many Old Comrades as can possibly do so will attend this meeting which is scheduled to take place in the Armouries, Toronto, on the 26th. inst. at 8. p.m.

The special meeting of the Old Comrade's Association called for the 29th. of January for the purpose of choosing a committee to draw up a slate for the executive for the coming year to be balloted on at the Annual General Meeting, took place as arranged, at the Armouries, Toronto. There was a fairly good attendance, from 15 to 20 per cent of the members being present. Although the preliminary object of the meeting was the choosing of the committee general business was also transacted.

After the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, Major Steer, our vice-president, who in the absence of the President was in the chair, notified the meeting that Mr. Fyfe, who since the organization of the Association had been secretary, had, owing to stress of business, been forced to relinquish this position. The assistant secretary, Mr. Hamilton, had taken over his duties. The meeting was further informed that all Accounts of the Association for the past year had been paid and that a properly audited statement would be forthcoming for the Annual Meeting.

The meeting then proceeded to the business of choosing a nomination committee, on motion it was decided to nominate Major Steer for the position of Vice-President and to appoint him chairman of the nomination committee. The following members were then appointed to the committee, Mr. G. W. Doré, Major E. A. Hethrington, Sergeant Major Copeland, and Mr. Morrison.

After some discussion with regard to publicity, the extension of the Association by the formation of Branches and kindred matters

the meeting adjourned.

It is understood that at the forthcoming General Meeting that printed copies of the Constitution will be available for distribution.

The 1927 Membership Cards are ready for issue on payment of the Annual Fee, and may be obtained from the Secretary at the close of the Meeting.

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wan the other is sure to go out?"

The editor is pleased to receive a letter from our old C.O., Colonel F. Gilman, D.S.O., who is at present on the staff of H. Q., M.D. 11, Esquimalt, B.C. The Colonel was very kind in wishing us every success in our endeavour to place "THE GOAT" on a higher standard. A letter of this nature always gives us heart to continue our task.

DEMI STROME

The registered thoroughbred mare Demi Strome, who was 18 years old on March 5th, was bred in Kentucky and as a yearling was bought by the Thorncliffe Stables, Toronto. As a 3 year old she was bought by Major (now Lieut.-Col.) Douglas Young, who was stationed at these barracks, (St. Johns). In January 1913 (when she was just 4), Major Young was transferred to Toronto and shortly after sold the mare to its present owner, Lt. (now Major) R. S. Timmis. She has won innumerable ribbons and cups at horse shows in Toronto and Cobourg. In 1914 she won two cups in steeplechases. In 1922 she also took part in the R.C.D. circus that performed at Sir Henry Pellatt's country estate before the present Prime Minister, The Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King. In her later years she has had two foals by the imported sire, McNeill. Her offspring have won between them sixteen ribbons, including a championship and two Reserves at the Royal. An incident of particular interest to those stationed at St. Johns, concerns our present Veterinary Officer, Col. Piché. As a two year old, Demi Strome contracted a very severe attack of strangles so that she would have choked to death had not Col. Piché and another Veterinarian performed the tracheotomy operation on her in the nick of time. She still carries the marks where the tube was inserted. She hunted with the Toronto hounds for several seasons, before and after the war. During the war she was kept on a farm near Toronto.

THE CAVALRY BARRACKS DANCE CLUB

During last December it was decided that a Dance Club should be formed in which the personnel in Barracks would be eligible for membership.

In the absence of Lieut. Chadwick, who had been appointed President, Captain Berteau formed a committee, had membership cards printed and issued, and the other necessary things were done in preparation for the first dance "under new management". It

was decided to charge 50 cents per month subscription to members—which entitled a member to attend each of the bi-monthly dances with one friend. The regular Dance nights being the second and last Friday of the month.

The first dance was held on Friday January 14 which was a great success. There was a very good attendance. The music was excellent as also were the refreshments. Each successive dance in one way or another seemed to outshine the one before it until the masquerade on Feb. 25th. which from opinions expressed later, was the "best yet."

Sgt. Jewkes consented to act as Master of Ceremonies and fills the position splendidly. Many people from downtown attend the Barracks dances and it seems our entertainments are becoming more popular.

The following form the present Committee

Pres. Lt. Chadwick R.C.D.
Members.—
L/Cpl. Godsmark, R.C.D.
Tpr. Beetham, R.C.D. Sec.
Tpr. Dresser, R. C.D.
Pte. Lafond, R.C.R.

'A'SQUADRON MASQUERADE

Owing to the weather man letting us down the Annual Skating Carnival, which was to have been held on the 25th, of February, was cancelled and a Masquerade Dance was held instead. The dance was a great success and much credit is due our energetic committee for the splendid arrangements. The bright colours of those in fancy dress made a pleasant contrast to that of the drab service dress to which we are so accustomed.

The following assisted by the Rev. Mr. Coulthurst kindly consented to judge the costumes; Mrs. Coulthurst, Capt. and Mrs. Balders, Mrs. Cameron and Mrs. Mountford.

Prizes were awarded as follows:
Girl—Miss Geraldine Berteau as "Lux"

Boy—Master Ross Coulter as a "Hobo"

Ladies—Mrs. W. T. C. Ellis as a "Soldier and his Bride."

1st. Gentleman—S.S. M. Smith as "The Goat".

2nd. Gentleman Capt. Hammond as "A Little Boy."

The Barracks Orchestra provided the music and dancing continued into the wee sma hours.

The dance was undoubtedly the biggest success of the season and the appreciation of all ranks is due to those who were responsible for the happy hours of make-believe.

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Grand Concert by the Cavalry Barracks Concert Party.

The newly formed concert party gave their first programme in the Gym. at the Barracks, St. Johns, P. Q. on the evening of February 19th. The capacity of the gym. was taxed to its fullest extent. Arrangements had been made to seat three hundred and sixty, and yet many had to accept "standing room only" as a punishment for their late attendance. We might state that in future all affairs of this kind will start right on time and would advise all to run the risk of being thought suburban rather than that of being left with a bad seat. The majority of the "turns" were of the humorous variety, and that the programme was thoroughly enjoyed was made evident by the unceasing ripples of laughter which emanated from the audience throughout the evening.

During the first two weeks of February, intense activity was the order of the day inside the gym. A stage was erected, scenery painted and the hall very tastefully decorated; all the work being performed by members of "A" squadron with the exception of the stage lighting, which was done by an electrician from town. Cpl. Green our stage carpenter under the direction of Q.M.S. "Nobby" Ellis erected the stage while Tpr. Cailier painted the stage scenery and decorated the hall; the whole work being done under the supervision of Major Timmis. The result reflects the greatest credit on all concerned, and all ranks of "A" squadron feel proud that members of our own unit could put on such an excellent show.

Programme

- Pianoforte Selections—Mrs. H. Swarbrick.
1—Song—Pte. A. Mellish, R.C.R.
2—Specialty—Q.M.S. W. Ellis, R.C.D., Tpr. H. Rowe, R.C.D.
3—Character Act—Pte. C. L. Lecker, R.C.A.M.C.
4—Seeing Niagara—Major R. S. Timmis, R.C.D., Q.M.S. W. Ellis, R.C.D., Tpr. H. Rowe, R.C.D.
5—Piccolo Solo
6—Introducing Auntie—Tpr. T. Forsyth, R.C.D., Tpr. H. Rowe, R.C.D.
—Mrs. W. Ellis.

Intermission

- 7—Hebrew Monologue—Pte. C. L. Lecker, R.C.A.M.C.
8—Monologue—Tpr. T. W. Storey,

R.C.D.
9—Song—Mrs. C. H. Hill.
10—DR-KUT-EM-UP

—Characters—

Dr. Kut-em-up—Major R. S. Timmis, R.C.D.
The Butler, Jenkins—Q.M.S. W. Ellis, R.C.D.
The Rev. Wed-em—Tpr. T. Forsyth, R.C.D.
Charlie—An Errand Boy—Tpr. H. Rowe.

God Save The King

The curtain went up shortly after 8.00 p.m. and from then until the end of the show there was not a dull moment. We suppose that many of us attended the show more from a sense of duty than anything else. We have all had a taste of the usual regimental concert—the same old songs, sung by the same old people, in the same old way. But what an agreeable surprise we had this time. The programme ran through smoothly and efficiently; there was none of that desolate waiting between acts when one hopes to goodness that the next will be "The King." The poise and assurance displayed by the performers in making their entry and exit was worthy of a "pro." Many of us remembered former military concerts when some bashful youth would playfully allow himself to be pushed into the center of the stage, and then proceed to wend his way woefully through umpteen verses relating the tale of a poor girl who "Waiting by the Weeping Willow Tree." But there was nothing of the conventional concert about this. We have witnessed many less meritorious turns on the professional stage. We cannot pick out any one turn for special mention; all were excellent. Q.M.S. Ellis and Tpr. Rowe made a big hit in their Specialty number. Major Timmis was a "scream" in "Seeing Niagara", while the "Introducing Auntie" number left many of us with sore sides. Pte. Lecker's "Hebrew Monologue" was exceptionally good. Mrs. Hill's rendering of "Danny Boy" was a special treat. Mrs. Ellis who deputized for Sgt. Kevins put on a very humorous skit—the country girl on her first visit to a big city. Mrs. Swarbrick was at the piano all evening and her accompaniments were particularly good as was her opening number. The piece de resistance of the evening was Dr. Kut-em-up. Many of us have seen this ever-enjoyable farce before but it is always well received. Major Timmis, as the very serious and busy doctor who is so intent on passing his exam.

was an excellent foil for the comical absurdities of his butler Q.M.S. Ellis—who was ever ready to grasp an opportunity to assist his master and, incidentally replenish his own pocket. The second act was purely farcical and the audience was in one roar of laughter from beginning to end of the act.

All members of the concert party deserve our heartiest congratulations for their excellent performance and we are eagerly looking forward to their second appearance. We hear this will be in a couple of weeks, but they cannot make it too soon for those who enjoyed their first effort.

Our Radio.

We have a radio in our mess now. What a wonderful thing the radio is to be sure! Of course it was not invented by a member of our mess, but to hear some of our experts laying down the law about it, you would think it was. But there stands our radio, on a wonderful cabinet, which, as the advertisements say, is fit to take its place in any room in the house even among the best of furniture.

You must not think that getting a radio into our mess was a simple matter, for it most certainly was not. To begin with, ever since a great many of our members have turned over a new "library" there has been a lack of something that went to make our lot a happy one. Then one month when our books had been audited, the auditors after wading through a weird mass of figures, decided we were too far ahead of the game and whispered dark forebodings of funds being seized so the members of the mess who were on the cadre roused themselves out of their state of coma and debated the point of how we might reduce our balance that all might benefit. As usual their deliberations resulted in naught and the question was tabled until the next mess meeting.

After the usual business of the next mess meeting had been transacted, Sgt. Tank rose and said "In view of the fact that the evenings are rather dull round here and the company even duller, I propose we get a radio. "Sgt. Soldem immediately jumped to his feet and retorted "This mess has always had the reputation of being a good broadcasting and receiving station and therefore I see no reason why we should augment our already well-known resources. Q.M.S. Crap rose to support the motion, remarking "I second the motion because I think radio is a good thing, and it should especially appeal to a married man, for if it makes too

much noise you can always turn it off. Sgt. Longey then got up in an excited state almost shouting "I don't see why you want to buy a radio. If you want to buy anything, how about a new clock, because every time I look at that one over there its got a different ti." but at this point he was shouted down. Sgt. Hodgkiss rose in his usual deliberate manner, striking his favorite pose, he advanced his left foot as in the position of "Examine Arms" placed his right hand deliberately in his pants pockets, deliberately advanced his left hand holding a cigarette (makings) in an elongated holder until the point of the elbow was in line with the hip, flicked the ash from the end of the afore-said cigarette in a deliberate manner, and began "Gentlemen" (here he gazed at the very senior members of the mess as if this remark in no way included them) "I am in perfect agreement with the proposal that we procure a radio, but will we be able to get Station 2LO, for I do not think that we, situated as we are, should listen to music emanating from any country outside the Empire. "The motion was then voted on and carried.

The next question that came up for discussion was what kind of radio to select. There was talk of four tubes, five tubes, six tubes, test tubes until our irrepressible Bill squashed it all by saying "I only want one tube so long as it's attached to a barrel. Then they spoke batteries, cabinets and loud speakers, and someone capped it by remarking "If you want a good loud speaker I'll bring over my wife, for she's the best I ever heard." To settle the question it was decided to appoint a committee of three who would inspect the various makes and select one. Then we had to decide on who would form the committee. Various names were mentioned among them being Nobby's, but the members unanimously decided that he had quite enough excuses already for getting away from the Orderly Room. Eventually we picked the committee and sent them forth to barter away the profit derived from innumerable beers.

That night—as the moving pictures have it—when our radio had been installed, we all sat around in pleasurable anticipation. To simply matters I shall refer to our experts as "A" and "B". When the appointed hour arrived "A" solemnly moved forward and switched on the "juice" while "B" slowly turned the dial. Immediately an unearthly shriek as of a soul in torment came from the machine. We all jumped and

then made a wild drive to retrieve our falling glasses. Presently the noise died away and music issued forth; we were just getting used to it when "A" said "Let's try Chicago and started twisting the dial again. Back came the agonizing soul again. "That's only static" says "A". We were just enjoying ourselves in Chicago when "B" wanted to go to Idaho. The same thing happened all over again. This continued all night we had two bars of "Mary Lou", four bars of Static, five bars of "She's my Baby" and umpteen bars of static and so all through the night as the comic supplement has it. That night we retired with our brains in a chaotic state, the only ones who seemed to enjoy the evening were our experts, who reeled home arm in arm at peace with themselves and the world.

Since then, however, we are getting used to our radio. We hear fairly decent programmes but sometimes some ribald remark will detract from the beauty of the thing. For instance only last Sunday we were listening to a wonderful church service George Henderson called it wonderful because you could switch it off when they started the collection. However the sermon was coming through fine, when someone's voice from the direction of the bar said "Give the old parson a beer, his voice sounds kinda cracked."

FROM OUR MAIL BOX

Dear Mr. Editor,
Is it true that Cpl. "Heavy" Desnoyers has gone on the "wagon"? Interested.

Answer. Yes, dear reader, the transport wagon.

THE FIRST BATTLE OF THE SOMME—1918.

During the night of 20/21st March a very heavy bombardment by the enemy took place and at 8.30 a.m. March 21st, all working parties were cancelled and the Brigade ordered to "Stand To". At 3.30 p.m. orders were issued to march via Croix-Moligneaux-Matigny-Offoy-Esmery-Golancourt to Villeselve. The Regiment arrived at the latter place at 10.45 p.m. and received orders to supply a quota of Officers and Men to make up a dismounted Battalion from the Brigade. The R.C.D. party under Major R. S. Timmis consisted of 238 all ranks with twelve Hotchkiss Guns. This party did not rejoin the Regiment until March 26th and fought continuously during this period suffering casualties of 1 Officer wounded, 18

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O.R. killed, 56 O.R. wounded and 13 missing. The Hotchkiss Gun Detachment did invaluable work during the fighting and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. On March 22nd, the remainder of the Regiment marched via Guivy-Verugies-Appilly to Varesnes and were re-joined by the led horses of the dismounted party there. On March 23rd orders were received to send a mounted party of 1 Officer and 50 men to form a special mounted Squadron from the Brigade under Lt-Col. Stevenson, F.G.H. Lt. Cunningham commanded the R.C.D. detachment and was killed in action. On March 25th, orders were received to mount every available man, discarding all marching order except arms, ammunition, and rations, and the following day this force, under Lt-Col. Van Straubenzie, R.C.D. moved to a point immediately North of La Cloye near Sempigny, to support the French holding the river crossings. A patrol of 100 men under Capt. R. Nordheimer was sent to Sempigny with instructions to hold the river crossings there at all costs. On March 27th the Brigade marched via Compiègne to Arsy and at 6.30 a.m. March 28th a message having been received that the enemy had broken through at Montdidier, a defensive position was taken

up on the high ground North East of Lienvilliers. The Regiment, under orders from the French Corps, placed the village of Welles in a state of defence. On March 29th orders were issued for the Brigade to leave the French Army and march to Jumle but the R.C.D. horses being at Sains Mariavilliers, the Regiment marched alone via Tartigny-Flafloise, rejoining the Brigade at the Bois-de-Guyencourt and bivouacking in the wood about midnight 29/30th.

Orders were issued at 3.30 a.m. to march at 6.30 a.m. for mounted action it being intended to concentrate the Division in the Bois de Blangy, but on reaching the starting point all operations were postponed two hours. At 8.00 o'clock orders were received to move at once, the enemy having captured Messieres and were advancing on Amiens. The Regiment formed the Advanced Guard to the Brigade, with "A" Squadron under Capt. Nordheimer in front and moved across country North of Bois de Senecat crossing the river at Castel. "A" Squadron passed through the French Outposts and entered the Bois Demoreuil and dismounted under heavy rifle fire "B" Squadron made an encircling movement mounted round the right flank while "C" Squadron

supported "A" The enemy were driven from the wood and in spite of heavy casualties the wood was held by the Brigade until relieved by the Infantry on March 31st. Lt. A. V. S. Nordheimer was killed, 4 Officers wounded, 19 O.R. killed and 51 O.R. wounded and 19 O.R. missing during this operation. On April 1st. a dismounted detachment from the Regiment, 125 strong carried out an attack in conjunction with the F.G.H. and L.S.H. on Rifle Wood. This attack was completely successful resulting in the capture of the wood and 100 prisoners with 13 machine guns. On April 4th, the 4th Army Commander, Lieut. Genl. Sir Henry Rawlinson, addressed the unit on parade, thanking them for their services during the recent operations and stating that the two actions on March 31st. and April 1st. materially assisted in saving Amiens.

THE HORSE IN WAR

By Field-Marshal Earl Haig, KT., G.C.B., O.M., G.C. V.O. K.C.I.E.

Some enthusiasts to-day talk about the probability of horses becoming extinct, and prophesy that the aeroplane, the tank, and the motor car will supersede the horse. Personally, I always feel that these great inventions, somehow or other, cure themselves; what I mean is that they always produce an antidote. In this connection, I hear of a tremendous discovery in the way of a bullet which gives much greater range and far greater accuracy than anything produced up to date. So it seems to me that the need for horses in the future is likely to grow. How can the infantryman with his full kit (and other things he has to carry) hope to take advantage of a decisive moment, created by fire from machine guns of a range of 5,000-6,000 yards? Surely, it seems to me, it is by utilising the horse and equipping our light troops properly, mounted troops and mounted artillery, that we are likely to take advantage of these modern weapons. I am all for using the air-plane attacks, but they are only accessories to the man and the horse, and I feel sure that the time is at hand when we will find just as much use for the well-bred horse as we have done in the past. There fore, one must not be despondent when one hears that day of the horse is over. (From The Veterinary Record, April 10, 1926.)

Maude: "And did you let him kiss you?"

Ethel: "Let him? I had to help him."

Such a Nice, Sociable Game.

(By W. F. Powell)

"Simply adore it..such an intellectual game and all that sort of thing .. one just has to concentrate .. admirable exercise for the brain .. nothing better on earth than a charming room like this with four really good players .. so sorry, must have made a misdeal .. will you count your cards, please, partner, if you'd keep your hand off the cards until they are dealt this wouldn't have happened .. you all have thirteen .. that's funny .. I've thirteen too .. how silly of me .. what do you say, my dear? .. oh .. you bid three spades, partner .. now I wonder just what that means .. three spades .. you're almost as funny as you look .. don't mention it .. no effort at all .. well, let me see think I'll bid five no-trumps .. no need to bid five? .. how do you know .. what if it is doubled .. I'll make it, you see .. please don't glare .. it worries me .. now, my dear, lead please .. I'm just dying to see what my partner's got for me .. um .. not much is it? .. you bid three did you not? .. what on, I wonder? .. talk of overbidding .. still it takes years to learn how to bid properly .. yes, that's true darling, some people never learn .. must say you went far too high .. yes, that may be .. I have all the rest and could make a slam if your spades were good enough for three .. however, let me see. I play, I believe .. what's trumps? .. sorry, I forgot .. all this talking distracts me .. is that so, well let me tell you this .. being my husband doesn't give you the right to be rude to me .. the idea .. I know I went five no trumps .. you will not be chosen as teacher when I make up my mind to take a course of lessons .. did you ever hear the like of it .. gets sore because I took away the bid from him .. he'd like me to sit quietly down and be dummy all night .. beats me why some people attempt to play at all .. and they talk of being good sportsmen .. yes, my dear, I know we're playing bridge .. you're starting now? .. my word, this is becoming a nice, sociable game .. excuse me, that's my trick .. No I did not .. I never revoke .. still, if you all say so suppose its right .. sorry, quite accidental .. now, I've got to make the rest .. if only my partner had given me something .. can you imagine bidding three on a hand like that? .. what if you did have seven spades .. you should have

other things too .. it wasn't doubled was it? .. it was .. well, I don't remember .. still, if you say so .. wish people would not whisper their declaration .. is that so .. perhaps I am doing enough talking for all of us .. good job there's somebody to keep us awake .. yes, I'm quite aware this is bridge .. never thought of poker at all .. I bid as though I did .. is that so .. next thing you'll say is that I can't play bridge .. don't mind me .. I'm only your wife .. sore I suppose because we're going down a few hundred .. what's that anyway? .. please don't interrupt .. my play, is it not? .. sorry I'm so slow .. this causes me to think .. there .. that's the thirteenth card .. only the first time round .. impossible .. how can one be expected to play with all this racket going on? .. Never use such words to me again .. shut up, indeed .. you brute .. never ask me to play with you again .. let them think what they like .. didn't want to come anyway .. don't take it to heart you say? .. my dear, you don't know that husband of mine .. he's sore because we're going down .. doesn't matter at all .. you can't win if you haven't the cards .. you think I did overbid? .. my dear, just think .. I'd have made it easily if my partner hadn't gone so high in spades .. Naturally you'll take his part .. wait till you're married yourself .. then it'll be another story .. never mind, let's get on with the game .. yes, I've cut .. now partner try to forget I'm your wife and you may succeed in being civil at least .. what's that? .. I talk far too much .. my dear, you are crazy .. how can one play and talk at the same time .. what's the joke? .. I really do adore bridge .. so intellectual and all that sort of thing .. One just has to concentrate on the game .. partner did you really mean to bid four hearts? .. well, go ahead and make 'em .. wish you joy .. have not a single trick for you .. still you bid yourself .. don't ever speak to me of overbidding .."

And so on until the other three came to the conclusion that bridge is not all it is cracked up to be and broke up the game.

'Twas in the married quarters, and the Sergeant-major was holding the pretty wife of one of the sergeants in a long and close embrace.

Presently she gave a stifled cry, her face being closely pressed against the breast of his tunic.

"What's the matter, lovey?" he tenderly inquired.

"Nuffin!", she gasped, "only yer good-conduct medal was 'urtin' me face a bit."

My War Diary

(Continued)

(Being the daily jottings from the diary of an officer of the regiment from 1914 to 1919.)

Thursday, July 27th. 1916

Bussy

Up at 6 a.m. Orderly Officer. Exercise ride from 6.30 to 7.45 a.m. We did Hotchkiss gun drill till 11 a.m.. After lunch our Officers' Indoor Ball Team played the officers of R.C.H.A. and lost by five runs. We all played very poorly owing to the heat which was intense for the first time of year. We now hold all of Pozziere, and have pushed on. The army is now getting more heavy guns per month than whole army had in 1914.

Friday, July 28th.

Up at 7 a.m.. Exercise with saddles at 8.30 a.m., but we were able to do a bit of squadron drill on a field. Back at 11 a.m. and stables. Took squadron indoor ball team over to play the R.C.H.A. amn. column for exhibition to Indians. Lost 19-16. Very hot had meeting of Reg. committee to pick reg. team for L.S.H. game tomorrow. Wrote some letters. Bed at 11 p.m.

Saturday, July 29th

Up at 8 a.m. Timmis out on scheme. Had reg. team out for practice 9.30 to 10.30 showed up well. Our sqn. had the ranges all day so will miss the game. Play started 2.30. Hind struck out seven men in 3 innings and then his arm went. Bennett finished game which we won 15-9. We were much better team. Men won 300 francs and I got 125. Very hot day. We now have our mess in open air. A little bridge with Bowie and then bed at 10.45. Feeling a little seedy.

Sunday, July 30th.

Felt rotten all night and was up with stomach trouble. Did not get up for breakfast. Felt better at noon and got up to lunch but could eat nothing. Had to lie down on way back to tent I felt so weak. Doctor gave me some lead and opium pills. Slept most of afternoon. Russians took Brody and 30,000 prisoners. We now hold all Delville Wood. Felt a little better at 5 p.m. Intense heat gave me a headache as well.

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"Stand-to" being off, each man received his ration of rum which had to be disposed of in the presence of the orderly officer. Breakfast was the next consideration. Volunteered to fetch water. This was obtainable at a choice spot named, "McHarg Place". Although the trenches themselves were dry, this particular spot was always unpleasantly damp. Duck boards accentuated the condition. These things never seem able to lie straight. A duck board with a list aggravates the offence. It becomes a menace to life, limb, and temper. Try your damnest you cannot prevent the inevitable slipping down the inclined plane into the collection of slime collected there. Duck-boards always were my pet abomination and in wet weather became the real obstacle between me and ultimate salvation. However, I did slip and did get wet and did eventually land back with the water. The smoke curling up from the numerous small fires attracted no attention from the enemy across the way for the simple reason that he himself was doing the same thing. Peeping cautiously I saw his trench and that vague "no man's land". In that moment saw nothing but horrible, filthy, desolation. Everything seemed dirty and untidy. The rows of rusted wire, the shell holes and the few decapitated trees presented a picture of utter desolation. The enemy trenches appeared to be pretty much as our own, against the skyline thin wisps of smoke curled up. Those chaps over there were just the same as we. Funny. Wonder why we wanted to kill each other. Or did we?

Breakfast over I began to look around and take notice. The dug-outs proved to be dull, frail affairs. At night they seemed solid but in daylight, my hat... just a sheet or two of galvanized iron covered with a few sand-bags. Splinter proof, that's about all. A direct hit, then, a long farewell to this vale of doubt and sorrow. In daylight to put one's head above the parapet was considered sheer suicide. In those days of inactive war-fare men simply lay low and hoped for the best. Snipers on both sides saw to the observance of this rule. Periscopes were used for watching the movements of friend enemy over the way. A sort of loop hole arrangement was built into the parapet. They were tapering, box like things. All the enemy could

see of them was a small aperture through which the sentry could fire if necessary. It was considered imprudent to use these as observation posts continuously for the enemy seemed to know all about them. Occasionally a bullet would enter the hole. By this process a chap in "B" was given a permanent parting to his hair. A bullet came through the aperture, removed his cap and ploughed its way through his hair without doing him injury. This was a marvelous escape. My first real sight of a German was seen through one of these loop-holes. To be precise I saw not the enemy but the result of enemy hands. Some blighter was clearing out his little bit of trench. As he threw the dirt over the parapet the shovel came into view. One of our chaps, Hold-ditch, amused himself by potting at this shovel. The enemy had a keen sense of humour. After each shot he waved his shovel, indicating a miss.

In daylight his trenches seemed pretty much as our own. Again was I struck with the untidiness of it all. There was his wire, rusted and torn just as ours and beyond that an uneven line stretching across landscape, its unevenness intensified by the sand-bags bleached by the elements to a dirty grey colour. Another illusion. Had imagined his trenches to be infinitely more attractive than our own. Judging from the little one saw they were absolutely indistinguishable. Not a sound from either side. Sort of uncanny sensation. Men were watching and being watched. The place seemed safe enough as long as one kept out of sight. Show an inch of yourself above the parapet and discover the enemy to be very much awake. Men did now and again stick their heads up and got away with it, but it is a practice to be discouraged. Periscopes show all that is to be seen. For want of something better to do sides often amused themselves by potting at these things. Hits were quite common.

Our trenches appeared to be below those of the enemy and one had the feeling that our every move was carefully noted. On our right front arose the town of Messines. The buildings seemed to be in good condition. Expect that really they were badly smashed up the damage was not visible to us. Germans were billeted in this town and one had occasional glimpses of men dashing at the double around corners. Standing in the middle of "No-man's land" was what remained of a barn, named the, "Doll's House." Much attention was paid to this structure

by both sides. Some days we'd send a few shells into it, others, friend enemy did the same, only more so. Surprising how long the thing stood up under this harsh treatment. Poperinghe lay in the rear. Farther over on the left was Ypres, Kemmel, Dickiebusch and other popular points of interest. Looking back one saw farmers performing their daily tasks as though the war was hundreds of miles away. Windmills studded the landscape. Their slowly revolving sails gave a strange air of peace to the country. It has been thought that these self same windmills were used as a means of communication with the enemy. Most certainly it was not difficult to see where lay the sympathy of these Flemish people. Not with us. One heard tales of executions of civilian spies caught in some abominable act but no personal instance came my way. The thing is very probable. These people had no love for us. They are a dirty shiftless race, so different from the Belgians a few miles away. I would like, if possible to correct an impression gathered from the tales told by soldiers. When recounting the great unfriendliness of these people they generally called them Belgians. This is far from correct. Flanders is not Belgium. The Flamands speak another tongue, in fact, are totally different from the Belgian people. Furthermore, they are essentially pro-German. One cannot speak of the people in the Kemmel district, say, in the same breath as those patriots of Belgium. The Belgians I admire, the Flamands I cannot. How could one possibly think well of a people who treated us so shabbily? Have seen in dozens of cases pumps without handles. This charming people had removed them. Refused to give us even a cup of water. After a long, hot march one cannot but feel the insult and longs ardently to give 'em a swift kick in a tender place.

Peace and quiet fled at about three in the afternoon when the enemy let loose a storm of hate. This was the daily bombardment. Now for it. We took to the dug-outs. One felt safer with something over one's head. The shells came fast and his registration was excellent. I had the wind up a thousand times. About eight of us were crowded in one dug-out. A deal of unnatural laughter was noticeable. Men attempted unconcern but failed. Conversation was forced and disconnected. Although their mouths shaped words their minds were concentrated on the shells of the enemy.

(To be continued)



IN MEMORY OF "BILLY"

Faithful little friend, dear little pal.

"Billy", the Mascot, is gone.

A hush falls over the barrack grounds,

And the soldiers—everyone—
Feel a tear-drop start, as they
view the corpse,
For they loved him well— this
dear little horse.

Did you hear the call of long lost
pals

Across the Great Divide?

Of those who fell on the fields
of France,—

Did they travel by your side?
Did their loving touch, your terror
ease?

Mascot and pet of the R.C.D.'s.

Only a memory! just one more,
For the brave "Old Fort" to hold,

Mascot and men of the R.C.D.'s.

Fearless, and joyous, and bold.
When you raise the glass for the
Silent Toast

Let "Billy's" name be among the
Host.

The above was sent to the O.C.
on February 12th, 1927 by Mrs.
C. Hill, 131 Hellendale Ave. Toron-
to.

Mrs. C. Hill who wrote the ver-
ses "In Memory of Billy" (pub-
lished in this number) is a sister
of the late Tpr. H. Spratt, R.C.D.
who enlisted in the Depot Squad-
ron R.C.D. at Stanley Barracks
in 1915, proceeded overseas with a
draft which left Toronto on March
10th, 1916, and was killed in Ac-
tion at Treisvillers on October 9th,
1918.

Man (selling a "cure" in the market
place): "Two years ago I was a thin,
nervous, broken-down wreck of a man.
A physical wreck! What do you think
wrought this great change on me?"
Voice. "What change?"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stanley Barracks

Toronto

March 4th, 1927

The Editor of The Goat.

Dear Sir;

With your permission through
the medium of "The Goat", I
would like to express my apprecia-
tion to all Old Comrades who kind-
ly visited me whilst a patient in
Christie Street Hospital, also to
comrades who sent me useful Xmas
presents. Words cannot half ex-
press my thanks.

My accident was caused by the
overbalancing of a 15ft. step lad-
der, whilst I was leaning over a
large Xmas tree, on the evening of
December 23rd. The next day
the children of Stanley Barracks
were having their annual tree. The
tree being erected on the stage in
the gym. I fell sideways on the
V shaped boarding that holds the
foot lights.

I thought at the time that all
my ribs were broken, and that
"Old Tom" (not Santa Claus)
would not see the kiddies this sea-
son. However I was hurried to
Christie Street Hospital, where an
X-ray inspection was made, and
it was found that no bones were
broken, and with excellent treat-
ment and attendance, I quickly
recovered, and am back once more
looking after the gym.

Now your "Humble" is assist-
ing our Chaplain with his Educa-
tional Training Classes, so with
mental and physical exertions I
am as well, and even better than
before.

In conclusion, I wish all comra-
des the best of luck, and good
health and don't try gym stunts
after pay night.

Your Humble Servant,
Tom Duff.

Equitation School,
Weedon.

Northants

9th. Feb. 1927

My dear Berteau.

Will you please convey my ap-
preciation and thanks to your Col-
onel and other members of the
R.C.D.'s for their great kindness
in sending me a copy of the "The
Goat".

I am most grateful to you per-
sonally as Editor and I should like
to be able to repay you by send-
ing you an article for your chroni-
cle, on the lines suggested in your
letter.

I am very sorry I can't, as I did
not attend our last manoeuvres,
being then employed at York.

I read through your Regimental
Chronicle this afternoon, with
very much interest, particularly

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"My War Diary," which made me
think of old times.

Wishing the Royal Canadian
Dragoons and "The Goat", the
very best of luck.

I remain,
Yours sincerely,
A. E. Harman.

Mottistone Manor
Isle of Wight
February 15th, 1927

Dear Sir:

My father, General Seely, asked
me to write to you for him as he
was just leaving here for a seven
weeks holiday abroad.

On his return to England, he
said he would be very glad to write
you something for "The Goat."

Yours faithfully
E. G. Seely

Pat, the Irish hod carrier, had just
fallen two stories and covered himself
with mortar. Solicitous friend asks.
"Pat, are you hurt?"

Nope, but I shure feel mortified."

He: "I'm tryng to leave off smok-
ing."

She: "Having any luck?"

He: "Well, I only smoke between
meals now."

A NEW CONTRIBUTOR

The following verse was written
by Major Nordheimer's daughter
little Miss Diana Nordheimer (age
13) and were picked at random
from a collection of her work. We
welcome her as a contributor to
the Goat and predict that, like her
talented father, she will make a
name for herself in the literary
world. That she has inherited
her father's love for horses is ob-
vious.

The Old Horse

Master I've helped you till your
land
I've helped you to bring in the hay
I'm a poor old horse that is feeble
and blind,
Why won't you let me stay?
I've worked for you all my life-
time
I can't do any more
And now that I'm old, and feeble,
and blind,
Why do you shut your door?
by Diana Nordheimer

"How is the earth divided?" asked
a pompous examiner, who had already
worn out the patience of the class.
"By earthquake," replied a boy.

The following letters of sympathy with reference to the recent fire at Stanley Barracks, have been received:

Telegram—From St. Johns, Que.
February 10th. 1927.

To Officer Commanding "B"
Squadron R.C.D. Stanley Barracks, Toronto, Ont.

"All ranks send deepest sympathy in your sad loss. I am proud of the heroism of my old Squadron."

(Sgd. R. S. Timmis,) Major
Commanding "A" Sqn. R.C.D.

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Ontario Regiment (34th.)
Oshawa, Ont.
February 9th, 1927.

To Major W. Baty R.C.D.
Stanley Barracks,
Toronto, Ont.

My Dear Major Baty:

It was with great concern that I read of the recent disaster which took place at Stanley Barracks.

As a lover of horses I feel that I should convey to you most sympathetic appreciation of what your loss means.

With kindest regards.

Your very sincerely
(Frank Chappell) Lt. Col.
Commanding The Ontario Regiment (34th.)

10 Price St.
Toronto, Ont.
February 8th, 1927

To Major Baty R.C.D.
Stanley Barracks,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir;

I was sorry to read in the Telegram today of the death of "Little Billy" your war time regimental mascot and pet. I had seen him at different times in France, and had had the pleasure of patting him "over there."

The last time I saw "Billy" was in front of The King Edward Hotel, when he appealed to the public for his friends on that tag day. I am sure that the boys will miss their little hero very much, as well as his big mates.

I think I can safely say that the majority of the people of Toronto wish you every success in getting the best of horses to take their places, and also that the Government will get you all better quarters.

Give my sympathy to the boys in the loss of their pets.

A. E. Bitton,
late 21st. Bn. C.E.F.

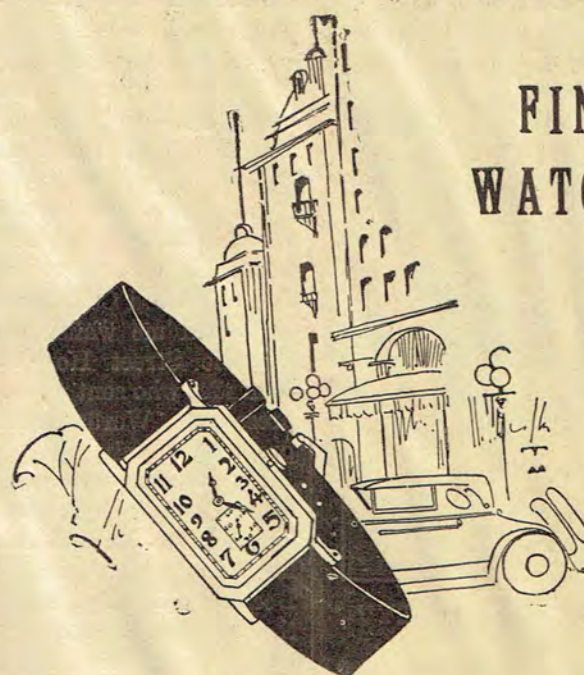
February, 9th, 1927.

Col. Walker Bell, D.S.O.,
O.C., Royal Canadian Dragoons,
Stanley Barracks, Toronto.

Dear Sir:

The Master and Members of Toronto Hunt, Eglinton, having read of the fire at the Stanley Barracks, desire to express their sincere regret at your loss. They realize what this must mean to your Regiment as they know that highly trained horses cannot readily be replaced. Please convey our sympathy to all Officers, N.C.O.'s and men of your regiment in their loss.

Yours very truly,
(Sgd.) J. Kitto,
Secretary.



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Where the International flavour comes in and the reputation of The Empire is at stake, it behooves those in charge of the Selection of the British Polo Team to emulate the example of their American Cousins and leave no stone unturned to pick the best men and ponies for the coming struggle. Without doubt the War left the English Polo Clubs sadly deficient of men and Ponies but in the intervening time,

it would appear as if little real effort had been made to re-organize. "What ever thy hand findeth to do—Do it with all thy might" is a splendid motto for the Hurlingham Polo Selection Committee to follow.

"I heard a new joke the other day. I wonder if I've told it to you?"

"Is it funny?"

"Yes."

"Then you haven't."

THE GARRISON RIFLE ASSOCIATION

The Old Fort is now almost a new building due to the activities of Cpl. Green and his merry band of carpenters. The Rifle Association was able to renew their activities during the latter part of February. The range was available evenings and week ends. Five competitions were fired in a two week period, and the majority of members turned out to compete.

The results are as follows:—

R.C.D vs. Three Rivers, Regt.

Q.M.S.I., R. J. Brown,	100
Tpr. H. Allingham.	98
Cpl. W. E. McKerrall.	97
Cpl. F. A. Green.	97
Tpr. W. Story.	95

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 3rd Hussars Egypt
 4th Hussars Lucknow
 5th/6th Dragoons Risalpur
 7th Hussars Tidworth
 8th Hussars Rhine
 9th Lancers Egypt
 (for Secunderabad)
 10th Hussars Aldershot
 11th Hussars Shorncliffe
 12th Lancers Egypt
 13th/18th Hussars Edinburgh
 14th/20th Hussars Tidworth
 (for York)
 15th/19th Hussars Egypt
 16th/5th Lancers Tidworth
 17th/21st Lancers Aldershot
 Cavalry Depot Canterbury

ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY

Royal Horse Artillery

1st Brigade

H.Q. Aldershot
 A Batt. Aldershot
 B Batt. Aldershot
 O Batt. Aldershot

2nd Brigade

H.Q. Egypt
 C Batt. Egypt
 K Batt. Egypt
 L Batt. Egypt

3rd Brigade

H.Q. Newport
 D. Batt. Trowbridge
 F Batt. Newport
 J Batt. Newport

5th Brigade

H.Q. Meerut
 E Batt. Risalpur
 G Batt. Meerut
 N Batt. Sialkot

Unbrigaded

I Batt. Secunderabad
 M Batt. St. John's Wood

Field Brigades, Royal Artillery

1st. Brigade (Army)

H.Q. Deepcut
 11th Batt. Deepcut
 52nd Batt. Deepcut
 80th (H) Batt. Deepcut
 98th Deepcut

2nd Brigade

H.Q. Shorncliffe
 35th (H) Batt. Shorncliffe
 42nd Batt. Shorncliffe
 53rd Batt. Shorncliffe
 87th Shorncliffe

3rd Brigade

H.Q. Deepcut (for Exeter)
 18th Batt. Deepcut
 (for Exeter)
 62nd Batt. Deepcut
 (for Exeter)
 65th (H) Batt. Deepcut
 (for Exeter)
 75th Batt. Deepcut
 (for Bristol)

4th Brigade

H.Q. Longmoore
 4th (H) Batt. Longmoore
 7th Batt. Longmoore
 14th Batt. Longmoore
 66th Batt. Longmoore

5th Brigade

H.Q. Larkhill
 63rd Batt. Larkhill
 64th Batt. Larkhill
 73rd Batt. Larkhill
 81st (H) Batt. Larkhill

6th Brigade (Army)

H.Q. Bulford
 69th Batt. Bulford

74th Batt. Bulford
 77th Batt. Bulford
 79th (H) Batt. Bulford

7th Brigade

H.Q. Lucknow
 9th Batt. Lucknow
 16th Batt. Cawnpore
 17th Batt. Lucknow
 43rd (H) Batt. Fyzabad

8th Brigade

H.Q. Brighton
 H. (H) Batt. Brighton
 V. Batt. Brighton
 W Batt. Brighton
 X Batt. Brighton

9th Brigade

H.Q. Bulford
 19th Batt. Bulford
 20th Batt. Bulford
 28th Batt. Bulford
 76th (H) Batt. Bulford

10th Brigade (Army)

H.Q. Newcastle-on-Tyne
 (for Deepcut)
 30th (H) Batt. Sheffield
 (for Deepcut)
 46th Batt. Sheffield
 (for Deepcut)
 51st Batt. Newcastle-on-Tyne
 54th Batt. Newcastle-on-Tyne
 (for Deepcut)

11th Brigade

H.Q. Colchester
 78th (H) Batt. Colchester
 83rd Batt. Colchester
 84th Batt. Colchester
 85th Batt. Colchester

12th Brigade

H.Q. Bangalore (for Lahore)
 6th Batt. Bangalore
 (for Lahore)
 23rd Batt. Bangalore
 (for Jullundur)
 49th Batt. Bangalore
 (for Ferozepore)
 91st (H) Batt. Bangalore
 (for Lahore)

13th Brigade. (Army)

H.Q. Edinburgh
 2nd Batt. Dunbar
 8th Batt. Edinburgh
 44th Batt. Edinburgh
 82nd (H) Batt. Edinburgh

14th Brigade

H.Q. Quetta
 38th Batt. Hyderabad
 61st (H) Batt. Hyderabad
 68th (H) Batt. Quetta
 88th Batt. Quetta

15th Brigade

H.Q. Exeter (for Bangalore)
 R Batt. Exeter
 (for Bangalore)
 S (H) Batt. Bristol
 (for Bangalore)
 T Batt. Exeter
 (for Bangalore)
 U Batt. Exeter
 (for Bangalore)

16th Brigade

H.Q. Kirkee
 27th (H) Batt. Kirkee
 34th Batt. Kirkee
 72th Batt. Kirkee
 86th (H) Batt. Secunderabad

17th Brigade

H.Q. Bordon
 10th Batt. Bordon
 13th Batt. Bordon
 26th Batt. Bordon
 92nd (H) Batt. Bordon

18th Brigade (Army)

H.Q. Woolwich
 59th Batt. Woolwich
 93rd Batt. Woolwich
 94th Batt. Woolwich
 95th Batt. (H) Batt. Woolwich

19th Brigade

H.Q. Wiesbaden
 29th (H) Batt. Wiesbaden
 39th Batt. Larkhill
 96th Batt. Wiesbaden
 97th Batt. Wiesbaden

20th Brigade

H.Q. Aldershot
 41st Batt. Aldershot
 45th (H) Batt. Aldershot
 67th Batt. Aldershot
 99th Batt. Aldershot

21st Brigade

H.Q. Lahore (for Newcastle)
 P Batt. Lahore (for Sheffield)
 Q (H) Batt. Ferozepore
 (for Sheffield)
 Y Batt. Jullundur
 (for Newcastle)
 Z (H) Batt. Lahore
 (for Newcastle)

22nd Brigade

H.Q. Rawalpindi
 32nd Batt. Rawalpindi
 33rd Batt. Rawalpindi
 36th (H) Batt. Rawalpindi
 55th (H) Batt. Campbellpore

23rd Brigade

H.Q. Nowshera
 60th Batt. Nowshera
 89th Batt. Nowshera
 90th (H) Batt. Nowshera
 100th (H) Batt. Peshawar

24th Brigade

H.Q. Jhansi
 22nd Batt. Jhansi
 50th Batt. Jhansi
 56th (H) Batt. Jhansi
 70th Batt. Nasirabad

25th Brigade

H.Q. Bordon
 12th Batt. Bordon
 25th Batt. Bordon
 31st (H) Batt. Bordon
 58th Batt. Bordon

26th Brigade

H.Q. Jubbulpore
 15th Batt. Allahabad
 40th (H) Batt. Jubbulpore
 48th Batt. Jubbulpore
 71st Batt. Jubbulpore

27th Brigade

H.Q. Mhow
 21st Batt. Mhow
 37th (H) Batt. Mhow
 24th Batt. Mhow
 47th Batt. Mhow

28th Brigade

H.Q. Meerut
 1st Batt. Meerut
 3rd Batt. Meerut
 5th Batt. Bareilly
 57th (H) Batt. Meerut

Pack Brigade

1st Brigade

H.Q. Egypt
 6th Batt. Egypt
 8th Batt. Egypt
 10th Batt. Egypt

2nd Brigade

H.Q. Bulford
 5th Batt. Bulford
 7th Batt. Bulford
 9th Batt. Bulford

3rd Brigade

H.Q. Aldershot
 16th Batt. Aldershot
 18th Batt. Aldershot
 19th Batt. Aldershot

4th Brigade

H.Q. Norwich
 15th Batt. Norwich
 20th Batt. Norwich
 21st Batt. Norwich

5th Brigade

H.Q. Ewshott
 1st Batt. Ewshott
 13th Batt. Ewshott
 14th Batt. Ewshott

20th (Indian) Brigade

H.Q. Quetta
 4th (H) Batt. Quetta

21st (Indian) Brigade

H.Q. Jutogh
 12th (H) Batt. Jutogh

22nd. (Indian) Brigade

H.Q. Kohat
 2nd. (H) Khyra Gali

23rd (Indian) Brigade

H.Q. Razmak
 17th (H) Batt. Razmak

24th (Indian) Brigade

H.Q. Peshawar
 11th (H) Batt. Nowshera

25th (Indian) Brigade

H.Q. Abbottabad
 3rd (H) Batt. Kalabagh

Medium Brigades

1st Brigade

H.Q. Shoeburyness
 (for Larkhill)
 1st Batt. Shoeburyness
 (for Larkhill)
 3rd (H) (T.D.) Batt. Shoeburyness
 (for Larkhill)
 5th (H) Ipswich
 (for Larkhill)
 22nd. (H) (T.D.) Batt Shoeburyness
 (for Larkhill)

2nd. Brigade

H.Q. Ambala (for Malta)
 4th (H) Batt (T.D. Peshawar
 (for Malta)
 7th (H) Batt. (T.D.) Ambala
 (for Malta)
 8th (H) Batt (T.D.) Ferozepore
 (for Gibraltar)
 12th (H.D) Batt. Ambala
 (for Gibraltar)

3rd Brigade

H.Q. Malta
 (for Shoeburyness)
 2nd Batt. (T.D.) Malta
 (for Shoeburyness)
 6th (H) Batt. (T.D.) Gibraltar
 (for Ipswich)
 10th (H) Batt. (T.D.) Malta
 (for Shoeburyness)
 11th (H) (T.D.) Gibraltar
 (for Shoeburyness)

4th Brigade

H.Q. Muttra
 9th (T.D) Batt. Muttra
 13th (H) Batt. Agra
 14th (H) Batt (T.D) Roorkee
 (for Delhi)
 16th (H) Batt. (T.D.) Delhi
 (for Muttra)

5th Brigade

H.Q. Larkhill
 (for Ambala)
 18th (H) Batt Larkhill
 (for Christchurch)
 19th (H) Batt. (T.D) Larkhill
 20th (H) Batt. (T.D.) Larkhill
 (for Peshawar)
 21st Batt. Larkhill
 (for Ambala)

Unbrigaded

15th Batt (T.D.) Calcutta
 17th Batt. Christchurch
 (for Ambala)
 23rd (How) (T.D.) Fort Fareham

HEAVY BATTERIES

1st Batt Portsmouth
 2nd. Batt. Jamaica
 3rd Batt Sierra Leone
 (for Plymouth)
 4th Batt. Gibraltar
 5th Batt Plymouth
 6th Batt. Malta
 7th Batt. Aden
 8th Batt. Gibraltar
 (for Portsmouth)
 9th Batt. Aden
 10th Batt Malta
 11th Batt Singapore
 12th Batt Hong Kong
 13th Batt Karachi
 14th Batt Bombay
 15th Batt. Plymouth
 (for Sierra Leone)
 16th Batt. Fort Brockhurst
 17th Batt. Plymouth
 18th Batt. Lough Swilly
 19th Batt. Ceylon
 20th Batt. Bere Island

21st Batt.	Portsmouth
22nd Batt.	Fort Brockhurst
23rd Batt.	Hong Kong
24th Batt.	Shoeburyness
25th Batt.	Singapore
26th Batt.	Portsmouth
27th Batt.	Bombay
28th Batt.	Bere Island
29th Batt.	Mauritius
30th Batt.	Spike Island
31st Batt.	Gibraltar
32nd Batt.	Fort Brockhurst
33rd Batt.	Plymouth
34th Batt.	Leith Fort
35th Batt.	Aden
	(for Gibraltar)
36th Batt.	Templebreedy
37th Batt.	Leith Fort
38th Batt.	Hong Kong
39th Batt.	Spike Island
40th Batt.	Portsmouth
41st Batt.	Fort Carlisle
42nd Batt.	Portsmouth

Anti Aircraft Brigade

1st Brigade

1st Batt.	Blackdown
2nd Batt.	Blackdown
3rd Batt.	Blackdown
Survey Company	Royal Art. Larkhill

ROYAL ENGINEERS

Station of the Headquarters of Units	
School of Military Engineers Chatham	
Electric Light School, Gosport	
Training Bn., R.E. Chatham	
Depot Bn., R.E. Chatham	
R.E. Mounted Depot, Aldershot	
Railway Training Centre, Longmoor	
Rhine Railway Coy., Rhine	
1st Field Squadron, Aldershot	
1st (Fortress) Coy., Gibraltar	
2nd Field Coy., Egypt	
3rd (Fortress) Coy., Dover	
4th (Fortress) Coy., Gosport	
5th (Field) Coy., Aldershot	
6th (Field Park) Coy., Aldershot	
7th (Field) Coy., Rhine	
8th (Railway) Coy., Longmoor	
9th (Field) Coy., Shorncliffe	
10th (Rly. Coy., Longmoor	
11th (Field) Coy., Aldershot	
12th (Field) Coy., Aldershot	
13th (Survey) Coy., York	
14th (Survey) Coy., Edinburg	
15th (Field Park) Coy., Aldershot	
16th (Fortress) Coy., Paull-on-Humber	
17th (Field) Coy., Bulford	
18th (Field Park) Coy., Shorncliffe	
19th (Survey) Coy., Southampton	
22nd (Fortress) Coy., Gosport	
23rd (Field) Coy., Aldershot	
24th (Fortress) Coy., Malta	
26th (Field) Coy., Bordon	
27th (Fortress) Coy., Bermuda	
30th (Fortress) Coy., Plymouth	
31st (Fortress) Coy., Ceylon	
33rd (Fortress) Coy., Queenstown	
Harbour	
34th (Fortress) Coy., Guernsey	
35th (Fortress) Coy., Pembroke	
36th (Fortress) Coy., Sierra Leone	
38th (Field) Coy., Aldershot	
39th (Fortress) Coy., Sheerness	
40th (Fortress) Coy., Hong Kong	
41st (Fortress) Coy., Singapore	
42nd (Field) Coy., Egypt	
43rd (Fortress) Coy., Mauritius	
44th (Fortress) Coy., Jamaica	
45th (Fortress) Coy., Portsmouth	
49th (Fortress) Coy., North Queens-	
ferry.	
54th (Field) Coy., Bulford	
55th (Field) Coy., Catterick	
56th (Field) Coy., Bulford	
58th (Porton) Coy., Porton	
59th (Field) Coy., Catterick	
Experimental Bridging Establishment	
Christchurch	
1st A.A. Searchlight Bn., R.E., Black-	
down.	

ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS

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School of Signals, Catterick	
Depot Bn., R. Signals, Catterick	
Training Bn., R. Signals, Catterick	

Signals Experimental Estab. Wool-	
wich	
"A" Corps Signals, Ewshott	
1st Cavalry Divisional Signals	
"D" Troop 1st Cavalry Div Signals	
Aldershot	
"E" Troop Signals, Tidworth	
1st Divisional Signals Aldershot	
2nd Divisional Signals Aldershot	
3rd Divisional Signals Bulford	
4th Divisional Signals, Colchester	
No. 1 Anti-Aircraft Signal Coy Black	
down	
No. 1 (Med. Art.) Signal Section Col-	
chester	
No. 2 (Med. Art.) Signal Section,	
Larkhill	

No. 1 (Field Art) Signal Section New-	
castle-on-Tyne	
No. 2 (Field Art) Signal Section Edin-	
burg	
Aldershot Command Signal Coy. Al-	
dershot	
Eastern Command Signal Coy London	
Northern Command Signal Coy. York	
Scottish Command Signal Coy Edin-	
burg	
Southern Command Signal Coy Salis-	
bury	
Western Command Signal Coy. Chest-	
er	
N Ireland Signal Coy., Belfast	
South Ireland Signal Section Spike	
Island	

Rhine Command Signal Coy. Wies-	
baden	
Rhine Field Signal Coy. Wiesbaden	
No 1 Coy. Egypt Signals Egypt	
No. 2 Wireless Coy. Sarafand	
No. 3 Coy Egypt Signals Egypt	
Signal Section, Iraq	
Signal Section, Gibraltar.	
Signal Section, Malta	
Signal Section, Malaya	
Signal Section, Hong Kong	
Signal Section, North China,	
Signal Section, Mauritius	
Signal Section, Bermuda	
Signal Section, Ceylon	
Signal Section, Jamaica	
Signal Section Sierra Leone	
"L" Coy., Simla	

FOOT GUARDS

Grenadier Guards:

1st Bn.	Chelsea Barracks
2nd Bn.	Windsor
3rd Bn.	Tower of London

Coldstream Guards:

1st Bn.	Chelsea Barracks
2nd Bn.	Wellington Barracks
3rd Bn.	Aldershot

Scots Guards

1st Bn.	Warley
2nd Bn.	Aldershot
Irish Guards: 1st Bn. Wellington Barracks	
Welsh Guards: 1st Bn. Aldershot	

INFANTRY

Royal Scots (1st).

1st Bn Glasgow; 2nd Bn.	Egypt
The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey) (2nd):	
1st Bn. Dover; 2nd Bn. Allahabad (For Khartoum)	

The Buffs (East Kent Regt.) (3rd)

1st Bn. Gibraltar (for Bareilly); 2nd Bn.	Aldershot
The King's Own Royal Regt (Lancaster) (4th)	
1st Bn., Aldershot; 2nd Bn.	Rawalpindi

Northumberland Fusiliers (5th).

1st Bn Ballykinnlar; 2nd Bn.	Nowshera
Royal Warwickshire Regiment (6th)	
1st n. Shorncliffe; 2nd Bn.	Delhi

Royal Fusiliers (7th):

1st Bn., Sialkot and Amritsar; 2nd Bn.	Rhine
The King's Regt. (Liverpool) (8th)	
1st Bn., Malta; 2nd Bn.	Litchfield

Norfolk Regt (9th):

1st Bn Egypt; 2nd Bn.	Aldershot
Lincolnshire Regt. (10th):	
1st Bn., Aldershot; 2nd Bn.	Lucknow

Devonshire Regt. (11th):

1st Bn. Blackdown (for Gibraltar); 2nd Bn.	Aden
(for Devonport)	
Suffolk Regt. (12th):	
1st Bn Colchester; 2nd Bn.	Gibraltar for Hong
Kong)	

Somerset Light Infantry (13th).

1st Bn. Egypt and Cyprus; 2nd Bn.	Khartoum
(for Tidworth)	
West Yorkshire Regt. (14th).	
1st Bn. Holywood; 2nd Bn.	Mhow

East Yorkshire Regt. (15th):

1st Bn. Tein'sin; 2nd Bn.	Aldershot
Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regt. (16th).	
1st Bn. Malta; 2nd Bn.	Dover

Leicestershire Regt. (17th):

1st Bn. Egypt; 2nd Bn.	Colchester
The Green Howards (19th):	
1st Bn., Strensall; 2nd Bn.	Jamaica and Bermuda

Lancashire Fusiliers (20th):

1st Bn. Dover; 2nd Bn.	Madras and St. Thomas
Mojunt (for Wellington)	
Royal Scots Fusiliers (21st).	
1st Bn., Portsmouth; 2nd Bn. Landi Kotal (for Feroze-	pore)

Cheshire Regt. (22nd)

1st Bn Poona; 2nd Bn.	Tidworth
Royal Welch Fusiliers (23rd).	
1st Bn. Narisabad; 2nd Bn.	Rhine

South Wales Borderers (24th)

1st Bn. Devonport (for Litchfield); 2nd Bn.	Agra
King's Own Scottish Borderers (25th):	
1st Bn. Bordon; 2nd Bn.	Hong Kong

The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) (26th/90th)

1st Bn. Catterick; 2nd Bn.	Quetta
Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers (27th):	
1st Bn.	Shorncliffe

Gloucestershire Regt. (28/61st):

1st Bn Portland; 2nd Bn.	Jhansi
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Worcestershire Regt (29th/36th):

1st Bn. Meerut (for Allahabad); 2nd Bn.	Rhine
East Lancashire Regt. (30th/59th):	
1st Bn. Quetta; 2nd Bn.	Pembroke Dock

East Surrey Regt. (31st/70th):

1st Bn. Rawalpindi; 2nd Bn.	Jersey
Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry (32nd/46th):	
1st Bn. Lucknow; 2nd Bn.	Guernsey

Duke of Wellington's Regt. (West Riding) (33rd/76th):

1st Bn Gosport; 2nd Bn.	Singapore
Borden Regt. (34th/55th):	
1st Bn York 2nd Bn.	Malta

Royal Sussex Regt (35th/107th):

1st Bn. Bordon; 2nd Bn.	Rawalpindi
Hampshire Regt. (37th/67th):	
1st Bn. Jubbulpore; 2nd Bn.	Plymouth

South Staffordshire Regt (38th/80th):

1st Bn., Bombay and Deolali; 2nd Bn.	Shorncliffe
Dorsetshire Regt. (39th/54th):	
1st Bn. Meerut. 2nd Bn.	Aldershot

The Prince of Wales Vol's (South Lancashire) (40th/82nd)

1st Bn. Tidworth; 2nd Bn.	Lebong and Barrackpore
Welch Regt. (41st/69th):	
1st Bn. Bareilly (for Aden); 2nd Bn.	Tidworth

The Black Watch (Royal Highlanders) (42nd/73rd):

1st Bn Multan; 2nd Bn.	Fort George
Oxfordshire and Buckingham Light Infantry (43rd/52nd):	
1st Bn., Wiesbaden; 2nd Bn.	Chakrata

Essex Regt (44th/56th).

1st Bn. Colchester; 2nd Bn.	Cowpore and Benares
The Sherwood Foresters (45th/95th):	
1st Bn. Londonderry; 2nd Bn.	Razmak (for Karachi)

The Loyal Regt. (47th/81st):

1st Bn. Secunderabad; 2nd Bn.	Gravesend
Northamptonshire Regt (48th/58th).	
1st Bn. Blackdown; 2nd Bn.	Sudan

Royal Berkshire Regt (49th/65th).

1st Bn Fyzabad; 2nd Bn.	Wiesbaden
The Queens Own Royal West Kent Regt (50th/97th):	
1st Bn., Poona (for Madras); 2nd Bn.	Woking

The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry (51st/105th).

1st Bn. Dover; 2nd Bn.	Ferozepore (for Peshawar)
The King's Shropshire Light Infantry (53rd/85th):	
1st Bn. Dinapore; 2nd Bn.	Rhine

Middlesex Regt. (57th/77th):

1st Bn. Catterick; 2nd Bn.	Ahmednager
King's Royal Rifles Corps (60th):	
1st Bn., Waziristan; 2nd Bn.	Aldershot

Wiltshire Regt. (62nd/99th).

1st Bn Plymouth; 2nd Bn.	Kamptee and Nagpur
Manchester Regt (63rd/96th).	
1st Bn., Wiesbaden; 2nd Bn.	Rangoon and Port Blair

North Staffordshire Regt. (64th/98th).

1st Bn Calcutta; 2nd Bn.	Litchfield (for Black-
down)	
York and Lancaster Regt (65th/84th):	
1st Bn., Bordon; 2nd Bn.	Julluclur

Durham Light Infantry (68th/106th):

1st Bn. Belfast; 2nd Bn.	Sialkot and Amritsar
Highland Light Infantry (71st/74th):	
1st Bn., Aldershot; 2nd Bn.	Bangalore and Belgaum

Seaforth Highlanders (72nd/78th):

1st Bn. Aldershot; 2nd Bn.	Lahore
Gordon Highlanders (75th/92nd):	
1st Bn. Secunderabad; 2nd Bn.	Bordon

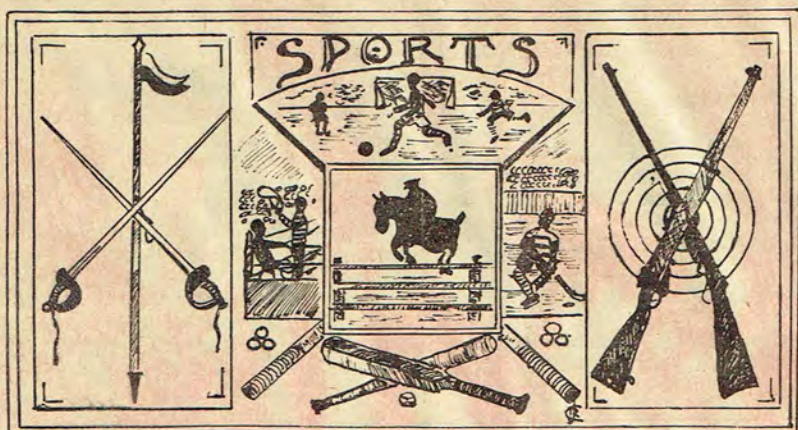
Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders (79th):

1st Bn., Maymyo; 2nd Bn.	Edinburg
Royal Ulster Rifles (83rd/86th).	
1st Bn., Aldershot; 2nd Bn.	Wellington

Calcut and Malappuram (for Poona)	
Royal Irish Fusiliers (87th/89th):	
1st Bn., Maymyo; 2nd Bn.	Egypt

Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (91st/93rd):

1st Bn Egypt



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Cougars 4—Pirates 0.

The Cougars and Pirates met for the 2nd. and last time, on Wednesday February the 16th, and the Cougars came out the victors by a score of 4 to 0.

The first period was scoreless and the Cougars scored twice, in each of the second and third periods.

The first was a very exciting one, both teams working hard, with the Pirates, having a slight edge of the play.

The real excitement came when White and Lafond staged a combination of boxing and wrestling match. They were both ruled off for 3 minutes; a few seconds later Hefferman and Cameron tried to imitate White and Lafond, but were separated before any damage could be done, and were sent to the cooler for 3 minutes. Apart from that, there were hard bumps given and received in good part.

The teams were as follows.

Pirates		Cougars	
Goal			
Valiquette	Blais		
Defence			
White	Francoeur		
Hefferman	Cameron		
Wing			
Mundell	Washington		
Lacerte	Lafond		
Centre			
Berkin D.	Parker		
Subs			
Gravel	Plourde		
	Bond		

Sheiks 4—Cougars 2.

On Wednesday February the 9th the "Sheiks" and "Cougars" (R.C.R.) met on the Garrison rink, for the second and last time. The game ended with the score of 4 goals to 2, with the "Sheiks" in the long end of it. It was a closely contested affair throughout.

It looked bad for the "Sheiks", at the end of the first period, with the score 2 to 0 for the "Cougars". Washington scored from right wing, it was an easy one, but, Sheehy, in goals for "Sheiks" did not see it

coming as there were too many "Sheiks" in front of him. Lafond scored again two minutes later. the first period ended, 2 to 0 for "Cougars".

In the second period, Fallis scored on a pass from Boucher, after one minute of play, making the score 2 to 1. With just 3 minutes to go Martin secured the puck, a few feet in front of Blais, (in goals for Cougars) and sagged the net; making it 2 to 2. The period ended with no more score.

Both teams came out, for the third period, determined to break the deadlock.

Berkin put his team ahead when he scored in a scramble.

Martin scored one minute later and the game ended 4 to 2 in favor of the "Sheiks".

The teams lined up as follows:

Sheiks		Cougars	
Goal			
Sheehy	Blais		
Defence			
Boucher	Francoeur		
Martin	Cameron		
Forwards			
Berkin F.	Parker		
Bold	Lafond		
Fallis	Washington		
Subs			
Chadwick	Lewis		
	Plourde		
	Bond		

SPORTING NOTES (STANLEY BARRACKS)

HOCKEY

Thursday, February 3rd, 1927

Stanley Barracks 6,

Erskine A.C. 2

This game was played as a result of a tie game played on the 25th. January after the teams had battled to a 2-2 draw after twenty minutes of overtime.

The Barracks team went on the ice determined to win in order to meet Wychwood in the group play-off.

1st. Period

From the ring of the bell it was

apparent the barracks were out to win. After numerous rushes to Erskine Defence, Home broke the ice and registered the first goal for the Barracks. A few minutes later, Johnston, on a nice individual play, fooled Hare and tied up the score. The Barracks team pressed.

Cpl. Adams at right registered on a good shot, making it 2-1 for the soldiers. At this stage of the game the play was all down in Erskine territory, the forwards of the Barracks played their positions well and broke up most of the Erskine rushes. Shortly before the period ended, Godon scored on a pass out from Home making the score 3-1.

2nd. Period

The game continued pretty well in Erskine territory with the Barracks team forcing the play. After a few minutes of play Cpl. Galloway broke away and registered a pretty goal. The game continued see-sawing until the finish of the period and no further scoring was done.

3rd. Period

Erskine came out more determined and after 5 minutes of play, Cheery on a long shot fooled Hare for their second and last count of the game. From this until the final bell the play was all down in Erskine territory. Galloway again scored on a nice individual rush, and Barker, not to be outdone skated the length of the ice and beat the goalie making it 6-2 for the soldiers. The bell sounded a few minutes later.

The whole team played well, the forwards breaking up rushes and back-checking well, while the defence was particularly stiff and were ably assisted by the goaler. Tpr. Inglefield and Pte. Carr, the spares showed they are coming nicely and do their work well. They were used more in this match than in any other to date and both played good hockey.

The above completed our group schedule in the T.H.L. with the standing as follows:—

Team	Won	Lost
Wychwood	6	0
Stanley Barracks	3	3
Renfrew	2	4
Erskine United	1	5

And as a result of the above the first two teams, Wychwood and Stanley Barracks, are required to play a two game series with the total number of goals to decide

the winner, who then plays off with the winners of the other groups for the Toronto Hockey League Intermediate Championship.

Saturday February 5th. 1927

Stanley Barracks 2—

Wolseley Barracks 1

The boys from Wolseley Barracks, London, Ont., journeyed to Toronto via R.C.A.S.C. truck, and we did not envy them their trip in the cold. To make matters worse they brought with them two spare drivers, but no spare tires, and had about seven blow-outs on the way down.

The game was played at 2 p.m. on the Barracks Rink. There was a tremendously stiff wind blowing which gave the Londoners a decided advantage over our team for two out of the three periods. Cpl. Galloway who was suffering from a bruised shoulder as a result of the Erskine game was absent from our line-up.

The game started off in a see saw fashion; neither team displaying any marked brilliance until mid way through the period Haynes, after working his way clean through our defence, beat Hare, and scored the first goal for London. This livened things up a bit. In a very few moments Capt. Home tied the score by a long shot from right wing. In the second period there was no score, although the puck was at London end of the ice during at least two thirds of the play. Black, the London woealer was playing a stellar game and turned aside shot after shot. In the third period Stanley Barracks were fighting against the break the tie, but the Wolseley Barracks team were playing good hockey, and it was only with about half a minutes' play remaining that Capt. Home managed to score

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from a long shot that Black could not see until it was in the net. A few seconds after the face-off the whistle sounded for the end of the game, and Stanley Barracks were declared the winner by the narrow margin of 2-1. Although we have seen better exhibitions of hockey, nevertheless due to the friendly rivalry between the two teams, and the fact that the final outcome of the game was in doubt until the final whistle, it was by far the most interesting game of the year. A large number of spectators were on hand, who showed their appreciation in true military fashion.

Teams and Summary.

Wolseley Barracks:— Goal, Pte. Black R.C.A.S.C.; Defence, Cpl. Fossett R.C.R., and Pte. Haynes R.C.A.S.C. Centre Cpl. Standwich, R.C.R. (Capt.) Forwards Pte. Findley, R.C.A.S.C. and Pte. Portier R.C.A.S.C. Spare Pte. Fosset, R.C.R.

Stanley Barracks—Goal Pte. Hare R.C.A.V.C.; Defence Sgt. Godin R.C.R. and Cpl. Barker R.C.R. (Capt.) Centre Capt. Home M.C. R.C.R.; Forwards Cpl. Adams R.C.R. and Pte. Carr R.C.R. Spare Tpr. Inglefield R.C.D. Referee Capt. M. Drury, R.C.D.

Tuesday February 8th, 1927

Playing our first group play-off against the Wychwood team at the Ravina Rink, we went down to defeat by the score of 3-1. The game was fast, clean and exciting, but our players did not get down to their usual game. This might partly be accounted for by the fact that most of them were up all of the previous night as a result of the fire at Barracks Tpr. Hare however played his usual stonewall game in the nets, and it is to his credit that the score was no worse than it was.

Wychwood scored early in the first period, and it was not until well on in the second period that we tied the score, only to have Wychwood take the lead again a few moments later. In the final moments of play Wychwood scored again.

Teams and Summary.

Wychwood	Stanley Barracks
	Goal
Homeshaw	Tpr. Hase
	Defence
Garrow	Sgt. Godin
McEldon	Cpl. Barker
	Forwards
Countts	Cpl. Galloway
Wingate	Capt. Home
McKinnon	Cpl. Adams
	Subs.
Chadwick	Tpr. Inglefield
Tovey	Pte. Carr

1st. Period
1—Wychwood—McKinnon

2nd. Period
1—Stanley Barracks—Home
2—Wychwood—McKinnon

3rd. Period
1—Wychwood—McKinnon

The Stanley Barracks Hockey Cup.

"B" Coy. The R.C.R.3—
"B" Sqn. R.C.D. 1.

Friday February 11th, 1927

On the above date we had expected to play a game against the Royal Canadian Air Force from Camp Borden, and the ice at the Mutual Street Arena had very kindly been placed at our disposal by Mr. Taylor, the manager. Unfortunately the team from Borden were at the last moment prevented from making the trip, and so with the ice at our disposal it was decided to play the annual game between "B" Coy. and "B" Sqn. for the Stanley Barracks Cup. A half holiday was granted to all those who wished to attend the game, consequently a large number of fans turned out to witness the encounter.

The artificial, and the large ice area of the Arena made a noticeable difference to the speed and team play of the teams, and towards the end of the periods the players found it a very long way from one goal to the other, nevertheless the game was exciting and keenly contested from start to finish.

By studying the line up on paper one would have been willing to place heavy odds on "B" Coy. but to our delight and surprise Galloway scored early in the game, and Hare who was playing his usual stellar game, managed to keep our nets clear until midway through the second period, when Barker tied the score.

The third period started at one all, and excitement ran high, the rooters doing their fair share towards encouraging their teams to victory. Although our team worked well the R.C.R.'s had the better of the play and during the last five minutes managed to add two goals to their score, thus winning the game by 3-1.

A cheerful and friendly spirit existed between players and spectators throughout the game, and although Capt. Drury, who handled the whistle sent several players to the penalty box, the offences were all of a very minor nature.

By winning the game "B" Coy. R.C.R. hold the Stanley Barracks

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Wychwood 3—Stanley Barracks 0

Wednesday February 16th 1927

Wychwood starting their second game in the group play-off with a two goal lead over us managed to hold us down to no score while they added one goal in each period, thus winning the game by 3-0, and the series by 6-1. Both teams took the ice with their regular lineups. We have no excuse to make, we consider that Wychwood defeated us, fairly and squarely, in every game they played against us and that the better team won. We offer them our congratulations, and wish them the best of luck in their further advance towards the Toronto Hockey League Intermediate Championship.

This game completed our first season in the Indoor Group of the Intermediate Series of the T.H.L. who play a brand of hockey produced by far the best team that has represented Stanley Barracks for many years, and gained a place

in the group finals, which in itself is no small achievement. All through the year we have earned the reputation of being a clean sporting team, and the fact that we have earned recognition on the Toronto hockey map, and have become popular with the local fans, is illustrated by the following:—

Extract from the Toronto Hockey League Bulletin Feb. 5th 1927

"When making your choice as to the ultimate champion in the Intermediate series, don't overlook Stanley Barracks, who just won their way into the group finals with Wychwood by defeating Erskine United on Thursday night in a game that would have resulted in a three cornered tie, if Erskine had won.

Unfortunately for the latter club the game was played on rather slow ice, which was not to the liking of their rather light team. However to get back to Stanley Barracks, let it here be stated that while the soldiers have had many star teams playing in the T.H.L. in various years, none shape up like this year's entry, whose great playing has been the talk of the west-end fans. They play their first game with Wychwood on Tuesday night."

Stanley Barracks 3—

Wolseley Barracks 1

Saturday February 26th, 1927

As a banner finish to our hockey

season the Stanley Barracks team journeyed to London Ont. on Friday February 25th. to play a return game against Wolseley Barracks. We were met at the station by our hosts who escorted us to Barracks where we were put up at their various messes. The game was played the following morning at the London Arena. The first period ended with no score, neither team displaying any marked advantage over the other.

In the second period Capt. Home started the scoring after a brilliant individual rush, but a few minutes later L-Cpl. Fawcett (late "A" Sqn. R.C.D.) tied the score for London after evading our defence and dribbling the puck past Hare. The period ended 1-1.

In the third period our team got their footing on the artificial ice, and Galloway found the net twice making the final score Stanley Barracks 3, Wolseley Barracks 1.

Black in goal for Wolseley Barracks was again the mainstay of the London team and made many brilliant saves, whilst the team from Stanley Barracks played their usual steady game.

A large number of the London Garrison turned out to witness the game which was fast, clean and keenly contested from start to finish, and was refereed by Mr.

"Goldie" Producers, late of the Old Quebec Team, and now manager of the London Professional Hockey Team.

Stanley Barracks—Goal Tpr. Hare R.C.A.V.C. Defence Sgt. Godin R.C.R. and Cpl. Barker, R.C.R. Forwards Cpl. Galloway R.C.D. Capt. Home M.C. R.C.R. and Cpl. Adams R.C.R. Spares Tpr. Inglefield R.C.D. Tpr. Calvert R.C.D. and Pte. Carr R.C.R.

Wolseley Barracks—Goal Pte. Black R.C.A.S.C., /Pte. Fawcett R.C.R. Pte. Hayes R.C.A.S.C. Forwards Pte. Strudwick R.C.R. L/Cpl. Fawcett R.C.R. and Pte. Richardson R.C.R. Spares Pte. Finley R.C.A.S.C. and Pte. Portier R.C.A.S.C.

1st. Period

No score

2nd. Period

1. Stanley Barracks Capt. Home
2. Wolseley Barracks L/Cpl. Fawcett.

3rd. Period

1. Stanley Barracks Cpl. Galloway.
2. Stanley Barracks Cpl. Galloway.

In the evening the members of

our team were guests of the R.C.R.'s at their annual Paardebourg smoker, and anyone who has ever attended one of these functions must know that it would be a waste of time for the Goat reporter to attempt to say more than that, a very good time was had by all."

It is regrettable that the distance between most Stations of the Permanent Force is so great that it is impossible to make more frequent visits of this nature, as a part from being most enjoyable, they are also very instructive, and tend greatly to cement the good spirit of "Esprit de Corps" which already exists in the Service.

CORRESPONDENCE

March 14th, 1927

The Editor, "The Goat"

Cavalry Barracks,
St. Johns, Que., Can.

Dear Sir:—

It is with much regret that I have to forward this letter minus any material for your March issue. Pressure of work has kept my time so fully occupied, that I have been unable to collect or write anything of interest. I can assure you however, that such a state of affairs will not occur again, provided your readers can put up with my feeble efforts and there remains

space for their publication.

I am sure that the letters and articles by "Old Comrades" are most gratifying to you and go to show that the link forged during the good old days in France and Belgium is still strong enough to foster the Regimental Spirit among those whose paths have led them from active participation in the Regiment. Wilfrid Fortye and Harold Bray, the only Chicago "Old Comrades" outside of myself, always speak lovingly of their service with the "Dragons" and occasionally we get together and reminisce over the days when "Pay" kept us economical and "Quarter" guarded the rum ration.

Hoping the 2nd Anniversary Number of "The Goat" will be a great success and regretting my inability to provide reading material for its contents,

Your Old Comrade,

P. Nordheimer

Mike—Pat, me bhoy, 'tis drunk ye are.

Pat—Faith, Moike, an' it's a loier ye are, an' if I was sober ye wouldn't dare to say it.

Jack. "The baby swallowed a bottle of ink!"

Jm: "Incredible."

Jac: "No; indelible!"



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